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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 07 February 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-49 and 52-71 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 24-49 and 53-71 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 52 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 1-23 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

This Office Action has been issued in response to amendment filed 7 February 2007. Applicant's arguments have been carefully and fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. Accordingly, this action has **NOT** been made final.

Claim Status

Claims 1-49 and 52-71 remain pending and are ready for examination.

Specification

The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities:

- Paragraph 0032: the phrase 'high speed' appears. The Examiner suggests changing this to 'high-speed'.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Objections

Claims **1-23** are objected to because of the following informalities:

- Claim **1** recites, 'a microprocessor, coupled to said device interface adapter and host interface adapter.' The Examiner suggests changing this to 'said host interface adapter'.

Any claim not specifically addressed is objected to at least by virtue of its dependency.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claim **52** is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. As per independent claim **52**, the claim recites, 'causing the logical storage device to transfer data, *if* the host computer has access to the logical storage device based on said determining.' As the claim recites an if statement but only provides for if the statement is met, the claim is incomplete in that it does not explicitly point out what occurs if the statement is not met.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-23 would allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the objections as noted supra.

Claims 24-49 and 53-71 are allowable.

Claim 52 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments, filed 7 February 2007, have been fully considered and are persuasive.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.


1. U.S. 6,101,588 Farley teach a host adapter that allows access to a cache slot that caches data items from logical storage devices but fails to teach a host adapter that allows **direct** access to a logical storage device.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Matthew Bradley whose telephone number is (571) 272-8575. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:30-3:00 M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Donald A. Sparks can be reached on (571) 272-4201. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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